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SHORTAGE OF SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS IN ISRO
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is facing shortage of scientists and engineers;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken/being taken by the Government to sort out the same;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up more institutes on the line of Indian Institute of Space Technology (IIST) in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a) Yes,Sir.

(b) The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) requires high quality Scientists/Engineers for its pursuit of excellence in Space systems and technologies.Due to opportunities provided by private sector and better remuneration, the participation of bright young minds from premier academic institutions in the Indian Space Programme has declined. And also, some of the experienced engineers/scientists are leaving ISRO to join the private industries.This situation may improve with the implementation of the recommendations of the Sixth Pay Commission.

To meet the requirements of high skilled human resources for the Indian Space programme, ISRO has established the Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology near Thiruvananthapuram offering undergraduate, post graduate, doctoral and post doctoral programmes in specialized areas of Space Technology and Space Science from the academic year 2007-08.This institute will provide a constant stream of engineers and scientists to ISRO.

(c) No,Sir.

(d) Does not arise